Docket No.: 050049-0042 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Hiroyuki TAKAHASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4838

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For: REAGENT VESSEL CAP AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING REAGENT

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2008 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.